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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN ARGENTINA

1. ARA HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH A GROUP OF JEWISH AND CATHOLIC LAYMEN ON JANUARY 27 TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WHICH JEWS AND CATHOLICS ARE ENCOUNTERING IN ARGENTINA.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE CROPPED UP AGAIN IN RECENT DAYS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BOMBS EXPLODED OUTSIDE A JEWISH SCHOOL AND THE HOME OF A JEWISH INDUSTRIALIST ON JANUARY 7 IN BUENOS AIRES. IN CORDOBA, ON JANUARY 14, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT TWO 30 POUND CHARGES OF TNT EXPLODED AT A THEATRE SHOWING "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE" WHILE A JEWISH BANK WAS ROBBED SAME DAY. POLICE ATTRIBUTED CORDOBA INCIDENTS TO NATIONALIST SOCIALIST FRONT. IT SEEMS

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UNLIKELY, OF COURSE, THAT NATIONALIST SOCIALIST FRONT

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OPERATES IN CORDOBA INDEPENDENTLY OF MILITARY COMMAND.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON
NATIONALIST SOCIALIST FRONT AND WHAT GOA HAS DONE, IF
ANYTHING, TO CONDEMN FRONT AND ANTI-SEMITISM IN GENERAL.
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE UPDATE ON WHOLE QUESTION OF RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION, INCLUDING ABUSES INVOLVING CATHOLIC CLERGY BY
COB JANUARY 25.
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